

Literacy B.C. NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO MARY THOMPSON BOYD

Literacy BC's Coordinator of Training and Regional Development



Mary Thompson Boyd began a 12 month contract position with Literacy B.C. as Coordinator of Training and Regional Development on September 13th. Mary moved to Vancouver from Winnipeg, where she was the Coordinator of the Literacy Workers Alliance of Manitoba for the past year.

She has worked in the adult education and literacy fields for the past fifteen years; and is returning to Vancouver, via Toronto and Winnipeg.

The Coordinator of Training and Regional development is a new position with Literacy B.C. Mary will be working closely with the Literacy B.C. Training and Regional Development Committees and Linda Mitchell, Executive Director, on development of the network; training strategies and needs; and the 1994 Summer Institute.



A REPORT ON CHANGES IN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

On September 15, 1993 Premier Harcourt announced many changes to the way the government will be organized. Most important to the literacy field is the fact that there will no longer be a Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology. Instead, Literacy and A.B.E. will be part of a new ministry called Skills, Training and Labour with the Honourable Dan Miller as Minister.

This new ministry will be responsible for:

- Training and Skills development
- Community-based learning
- English as a Second Language
- Student Financial Assistance
- Labour Relations; Employment Standards; Workers' Compensation
- Training and Job Placement for people on Social Assistance.

The new Minister for Education is the Honourable Art Charbonneau who will be responsible for the K - 12 system.

In his speech announcing these changes Mr. Harcourt stated that he is dedicated to ... "The training and skills development necessary to equip our people with the tools they'll need to prosper in our changing economy".

A CORRECTION:

In our last Newsletter we reported that Mary Waddington had her contract, as Provincial Coordinator for Literacy and ABE, extended to 1995 - it has been extended to October 1994. Our apologies for this error.

READING THE MUSEUM WORKSHOP



**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 29**
9:00 - 4:30
at the
**VANCOUVER
MUSEUM**
1100 Chestnut St.
Vancouver

The Canadian Museums Association, in partnership with Storylinks is offering workshops across Canada, to bring museum staff and literacy workers together to discuss the following:

- literacy in Canada
- popular oral history
- museum accessibility for non-readers
- museums, literacy and community; making the links
- cultural and visual literacy

Storylinks Co-ordinator, Mary Breen, will facilitate the workshop. Participants will discuss ways of improving links between museums and the literacy community, focusing on how museums can serve as a resource and vehicle for lifelong learning.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

OCTOBER 22, 1993

Attendance is limited to 20 participants.

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$45 BCMA members
\$55 non-members

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

Sue Stackhouse
B.C. Museums Association
Phone: (604) 387-3315
Fax: (604) 356-1914

NEW RESOURCES

SUGGESTED RESOURCES FOR LITERACY CLASSROOMS

Produced by the Manitoba Literacy Office. This excellent resource guide includes: a list of materials produced by literacy programs, as well as commercially produced materials; price lists; publishers' names, addresses and phone numbers; a detailed list of resources; and sample suggestions for programs with resource material budgets of \$2,000, \$4,000 or \$6,000. A limited number of copies are available from: Manitoba Literacy Office, 417 - 185 Carlton Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3J1 Phone: (204) 945-8571. Fax: (204) 945-0356.

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A CHANCE TO TALK: THE BIRTH OF THE FEMINIST LITERACY WORKERS' NETWORK

This publication, which has just been released, is the report of the 1992 founding conference of the Feminist Literacy Workers' Network. Available from: Feminist Literacy Workers' Network, C/O CCLOW, 47 Main Street, Toronto, Ontario M4E 2V6 Telephone: (416) 699-1909, Fax: (416) 699-2145 Cost: \$1.50

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KEEPING ALBERTA COMPETITIVE: A FRAMEWORK FOR PROVIDING LITERACY DEVELOPMENT IN THE WORKPLACE

This booklet was designed to be of interest to Alberta employers, employees, unions, community literacy co-ordinators, industry trainers and consultants and education administrators and instructors. It is the result of a research project by Nancy Steel, Keyano College and Elsie Edler, Lethbridge Community College. Available on loan from: the Literacy B.C. office, or to order, contact: Alberta Career Development and Employment, Policy Department Branch, 9th floor, Edmonton, AB, T5J 4L5, Phone (403) 422-1281.

STUDENTS FOR LITERACY

McGill Students for Literacy was founded in 1989 to tutor adults in Montreal's inner-city community. Students at St. Francis Xavier University have been providing peer tutoring to children from disadvantaged communities for over 20 years.

SFU students now have the opportunity to be involved in the beginning of the first student run literacy organization in B.C. SFU students will offer trained volunteers to the larger community to help meet the need for literacy instruction.

SFU Students for Literacy is presently looking for individuals who can make a commitment either to tutor or to help organize this program.

This project is a FRONTIER COLLEGE; STUDENTS FOR LITERACY National Initiative.

For more information, or to get involved contact: Francis at 294-0266.

SUPERIOR PROPANE LEARNER AWARD



A REMINDER! Superior Propane is providing a \$250 Learner Award, as part of their support for The Peter Gzowski Golf Tournaments. Literacy B.C. is wanting applications for this Award, which will be presented at the Literacy B.C. Annual General Meeting on October 23, 1993. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 30, 1993.

For application forms or more information call Literacy B.C. at 687-5077 or Fax 687-5076.

THE VOTER'S KIT - 1993 UPDATE

Do you know that
there are changes to
Canada's federal voting laws
in effect for the
upcoming federal election
on October 25, 1993?

The Metro Toronto Movement in Literacy (MTML) can provide you with updated information on these changes. This information is part of our VOTER'S KIT and is now available as a separate section: How to Vote in Canada's Federal Elections.

How to Vote in Canada's Federal Elections is a valuable teaching tool for instructors, tutors, and learners in literacy, ESL and citizenship programs. It provides a starting point for discussions about voting and the political process.

How to Vote in Canada's Federal Elections promotes participation with its easy to use question and answer format. It answers such questions as:

- Who can vote?
- Where do I vote?
- Why should I vote?
- Can someone help me with my Ballot?



How to Vote in Canada's Federal Elections includes:

- How to Vote in Canada's Federal Elections Booklet
- Elections Canada Map of the Federal Electoral Districts
- Discussion Topics Page
- The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

**ORDER "HOW TO VOTE IN CANADA'S
FEDERAL ELECTIONS" NOW.**

How to Vote in Canada's Federal Elections
\$12.00, postage and handling included.

ORDER FROM:

MTML,
365 Bloor Street East, Suite 1003,
Toronto, Ontario M4W 3L4

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

Tereza Coutinho at 961-4013,
or fax 961-8138

Don't Delay.

Canada's federal election takes place on
October 25, 1993.



LITERACY: A 1993 FEDERAL ELECTION ISSUE

In cooperation with MCL and all of the other provincial literacy coalitions, a plan to have LITERACY be an ELECTION ISSUE has been developed. We all felt it was important to have one STRONG VOICE about literacy for all candidates who are involved in the October 25th Federal Election.

A kit has been put together which will help people to:

- build partnerships with our politicians and our communities
- send information about literacy to candidates in every riding
- meet with candidates and/or attend all candidates meetings

The idea is to get a clear message about literacy issues to the candidates and to find out what is their position on literacy.

The Kits will contain the following:

- One definition of literacy - it is the 1989 Stats Canada definition, but in Plain Language
- Question and Answer sheet
- Statistics on literacy levels by riding
- Results of the MCL 1993 Literacy Issues Survey by riding
- Statistics about programs by riding

THESE KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE
BY OCTOBER 1
FROM THE LITERACY B.C. OFFICE.
CALL: 687-5077 OR FAX: 687-5076



**Elections Canada
has published
an information kit,
in Plain Language,
about the election and
how it works.**

**This kit is available by calling:
1-800-267-8683.**

FALL SCHEDULE FOR ABEABC'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

CARIBOO-OKANAGAN REGION

University College of the Cariboo, Kamloops

September 30 "STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING CRITICAL THINKING."
Presenter: Moira Gutteridge

October 1 "STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES."
Presenter: Anne Erickson

For More Information Contact: Jim Bray Phone 828-5284 or 828-5290

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NORTHEAST REGION

Northern Lights College, Dawson Creek

October 14 "DEVELOPMENTAL AND/OR REMEDIAL: ASSESSING ABE STUDENTS'
SKILLS AND NEEDS."
Presenter: Catherine Schnare

October 15 "TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING
DISABILITIES."
Presenter: Catherine Schnare

October 15 "EVOLUTION OF OUTCOME-BASED EDUCATION: FROM NAKEDNESS TO
CLOTHING."
Presenter: Rick Scott

For More Information Contact: Jeanne Purvis Phone 782-5251 (1254)

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LOWER MAINLAND REGION

Chateau Granville Hotel

October 21 "STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING READING"
Presenter: Dr. Florence Pieronek (All day session)

"ADULT LEARNING MATERIALS: WHAT, WHY AND HOW?"
Presenter: Suzanne Ives *Note: Registration is limited to 10* (All day session)

"LEARNER ASSESSMENT AT THE FUNDAMENTAL ABE LEVEL (0 - 8)"
Presenters: Joyce Cameron & Laurie Gould (Half day session)

"STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING CRITICAL THINKING"
Presenter: Moira Gutteridge (Half day session)



FALL SCHEDULE FOR ABEABC'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

LOWER MAINLAND REGION (cont'd)

- October 22 "ADULT LEARNING MATERIALS: WHAT, WHY AND HOW?"
Presenter: Suzanne Ives (All day session)
- "ORAL COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS"
Presenter: Colleen McGoff Dean (Half day session)
- "STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING MULTI-LEVEL MATH"
Presenters: Loraine Wong & Louise Gallie (Half day session)
- "THE NEVER FAIL METHOD OF WRITING"
Presenter: Kate Nonesuch (Half day session)
- "SKILLS FOR THE WORKPLACE"
Presenter: Elizabeth Thompson (Half day session)

For More Information Contact: Linda Hackett Phone: 684-0624, or 1-800-663-1293

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KOOTENAY REGION

East Kootenay Community College

- October 28 "STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING CRITICAL THINKING"
Presenter: Moira Gutteridge
- October 29 "LEARNER DIAGNOSIS AND ASSESSMENT: STRATEGIES FOR PEOPLE WITH
LEARNING DIFFICULTIES"
Presenter: Anne Erickson

For More Information Contact: Bob Gadsby Phone 342-3210

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VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION

Malaspina College, Nanaimo

November 18 & 19

- "NEVER-FAIL METHOD OF WRITING: HANDS-ON CREATING AND PUBLISHING."
- "ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING PEOPLE WITH LEARNING
DIFFICULTIES"
- "STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING CRITICAL THINKING ACROSS THE ABE
CURRICULUM."
- Presenters to be announced.

For More Information Contact: Lynn Hunter Phone: 755-8741



BULLETIN BOARD

MCL FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MOVEMENT FOR CANADIAN LITERACY is co-hosting its First Annual Conference with Literacy Partners of Quebec, November 5 - 7, 1993 at Dawson College in Montreal, Quebec. The theme for the Conference is keeping literacy on the national agenda. Workshops will be held on Saturday, November 6. On November 5 and 7 MCL will be holding its Annual General Meeting and Board meeting. Registration for the conference is \$85.00; accommodation is close by and reasonable. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact: Ann Gauvin, Literacy Partners of Quebec, 3040 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal, Quebec. (514)-931-8731.

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ALBERTA ASSOCIATION FOR ADULT LITERACY ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

November 18 -20, 1993, Edmonton, AB. The theme for the Conference is: "Literacy: Voices and Visions". Jenny Horsman, the keynote speaker, will address issues of women and literacy and creditization of literacy workers. Workshops will include: Front-Line Strategies; Literacy Research; Planning for Empowerment; Literacy and Life.

For more information contact: Marg MacKenzie or Sheilagh McBride, c/o Alberta Vocational College, 10215 108 Street, Edmonton, AB T5J 1L6. (403) 427-5516.

NEW DIRECTIONS IN PRISON EDUCATION

An International Correctional Education Conference, Whistler, B.C.,
October 3 - 6, 1993.

Contact: Conference Services, Halpern Centre, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1S6. Phone: 291-4910.

WHO WE ARE

Literacy B.C., founded in March 1990, is a coalition of people and groups concerned with promoting literacy in B.C.

Our mission is to promote literacy, to support literacy learners, to develop community partnerships and to present a united voice on literacy. We are supported by Human Resources & Labour Canada, National Literacy Secretariat, memberships and donations.

Literacy B.C. welcomes your news and comments. Send to:

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